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# Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 December 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 16-33 and 36-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 16-33, 36-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

The RCE filed on December 11, 2006 has been entered. A non-final action follows.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-13, 16-33, and 36-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cockrill (2002/0059114).

Cockrill discloses a method and corresponding system for electronic commerce transactions comprising receiving, via a network, a request to execute a payment on behalf of a network user associated a plurality of user identifiers, the request including a first user identifier, wherein the plurality of user identifiers are associated with multiple registrations for the network user, determining if the request will be accepted for execution by processing previous requests executed on behalf of the network user, wherein at least one of the previously executed requests includes a second identifier from the plurality of user identifiers, the second user identifier distinct from the first user identifier, and if the determination is to accept the request for execution, directing a

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debit from an account associated with the network (p.4, 55 to p.5, 59 and p.10, 95-97— plurality of payment accounts linked to user identifier); receiving, via a network, a request to execute a payment on behalf of a network user, the request including a user identifier associated with the network user, identifying a plurality of user identifiers associated with the network user, wherein the plurality of user identifiers are associated with multiple registrations for the network user; processing previously executed payments associated with each identified user identifier to determine if the request will be accepted for execution, and transmitting, via the network, the (p.4, 55 to p.5, 59 and p.10, 95-97); the determination is transmitted to the network user and the transmission is a real-time transmission (p.4, 55 to p.5, 59 and p.10, 95-97); determining a total monetary value of previously executed payments executed in one or more time periods, determining if the total monetary value of previously executed payments executed in the one or more time periods exceeds one or more threshold values, and if the determination is the total monetary value of previously executed payments executed in the one or more time periods does exceed one or more threshold values, not accepting the request for execution (p.4, 55 to p.5, 59 and p.10, 95-97); the user identifier included with the request is also associated with a sponsor, and at least one of the one or more threshold values and the one or more time periods is based upon the identity of the sponsor (p.4, 55 to p.5, 59 and p.10, 95-97); determining if the total monetary value of previously executed payments in the one or more time periods in combination with an amount of the payment exceeds one or more threshold values and if so determined, not accepting the request for execution (p.4, 55 to p.5, 59 and p.10, 95-97); determining the

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total number of previously executed payments executed in one or more time periods, determining if the total number of previously executed payments executed in the one or more time periods exceeds one or more values, and if the determination is the total number of previously executed payments executed in the one or more time periods does exceed one or more values, not accepting the request for execution (p.4, 55 to p.5, 59 and p.10, 95-97); the payment is one of a payment of a bill, a gift, a payment for the purchase of goods or services made via the network, and a payment for goods or services purchased from an Internet auction (p.4, 55 to p.5, 59 and p.10, 95-97—can be purchased from any merchant); if the determination is to accept the request for execution, directing a debit from an account associated with the network user at a first time, and directing a credit to a payee at a second time, wherein the second time is subsequent to the first time, and wherein a time period between the first time and the second time is a determined time period (p.4, 55 to p.5, 59 and p.10, 95-97); processing previously executed payments associated with each identified user identifier to determine the time period (p.4, 55 to p.5, 59 and p.10, 95-97); determining the time period based upon at least one of an amount of the payment, the identity of the network user, an association maintained by the network user, and payments previously executed on behalf of the network user (p.4, 55 to p.5, 59 and p.10, 95-97); and the payee is a network user (p.4, 55 to p.5, 59 and p.10, 95-97).

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-13, 16-33, 36-41 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

**Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lalita M. Hamilton whose telephone number is (571) 272-6743. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday (6:30-2:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kalinowski Alexander can be reached on (571) 272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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